The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Friday, the 11th day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Coonoor Municipal Higher Elementary school.

409 Q.—Mr. R. T. Kesavalu Pillai: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education to state—

(*a*) whether he has granted any amount for the management of the Coonoor municipal higher elementary school (late C.M.S. higher elementary school) ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any increase of pay was given to the teachers as in that of the Ootacamund municipal high school.

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Only one teacher was granted an increase of pay. The others continue on the rates of pay they drew while in Mission employ. These are themselves in excess of the rates authorized by the Madras Educational Rules.

Non-Brahman widow students at Vizagapatam.

410 Q.—Sriman Sasibhushana Rath Mahasayo: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education whether—

(*a*) the scholarships of certain non-Brahman widow students of the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam, have been withheld for the last seven months for their refusal to eat from the Brahman hostel on religious grounds ;

(*b*) it is a fact that such non-Brahman widow students were allowed to remain outside the hostel with their guardians for the last five years, if so, why new conditions have now been imposed ; and

(*c*) the Government will grant them the scholarships, now withheld, without imposing the condition that they should eat from the Brahman hostel attached to the school.

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Government have no information. The hostel attached to the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam, is intended for all classes of Hindus.

(*c*) The scholarships of two non-Brahman widows were withheld this year, as they failed to secure promotion at the annual examination, and a report has also been received that their general progress is most unsatisfactory.